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PREFACE

The "Peckham Genealogy" was compiled by Mr. Stephen Farnum Peckham and Mr. Byron Judson Peckham, both of Rhode Island, and was published and issued by The National Historical Co., of New York in September, 1922.

This supplement is prepared by Byron A. Peckham of San Mateo, California, for the purpose of continuing the pedigree of his branch of the Peckham family from the time of his Grandfather, Robert Burdick Peckham, where the "Genealogy" drops it, and to furnish an outline of our early ancestors, the origin of the name, and the country the forefathers are supposed to have originally come from.

In the early part of 1911 I received a letter from Mr. B. J. Peckham of Westerly, R. I , in which he explained that he and others were seeking information regarding the Peckhams, for the purpose of incorporating the same in a Genealogical Record, and asked my assistance in the matter.

I replied, and gave him a general outline of the family as I knew it from the time of Grandfather Peckham.

Some months later I learned that my letter had never been received.

I then communicated with various relatives in California, and from data so gathered I prepared as complete a record of those who came to this State and their descendants, as I could, and sent it to Mr. B. J. Peckham, but it was then apparently too late to be incorporated in the proposed publication.

Byron A. Peckham,
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PREFACE

To this account of the California branch of the Peckham Family written by Byron Augustus Peckham of San Mateo in 1911, starts with its Rhode Island ancestor, Robert Burdick[6] Peckham. Robert B.[6] Peckham remained in that state while all of his children by his first wife, Martha (Adams) Peckham, moved to California. To this genealogy we have added our own family of Peckhams beginning with Charles D.[6] Peckham, brother of Robert.

Referring to page 11 of this family history it is somewhat surprising to know that Charles Dennison[7] Peckham, a son of Robert B. Peckham, is still living (1957) in Chase's Hill Hopkington, Rhode Island.

On page 11 it is stated erroneously that Robert B.[6] Peckham is buried on the farm of Samuel Peckham in Niantic (now Bradford), Rhode Island. He is buried beside his first wife in his father's burying ground. That is, in James[5] Peckahm's cemetery which abuts the Bradford Charlestown road on the east side about one mile south of Bradford. His wife's grave is marked by a colonial type gravestone while her husbands has only unmarked field stones. This came about we suppose because his wife died first and her husband attended to marking of her grave. When he died all of his living adult children were living in California and there was no one in Rhode Island to attend to the marking of his grave.

William Perry and John Earle Bentley

Dallas, Texas
February 20, 1958

From Messrs. Peckhams' introductory remarks, the following is quoted:

"As the long procession emerges from an unremembered past, led by John Peckham, Archbishop of Canterbury (England 1279) who was the trusted Councillor of Edward the First, and James, and the friend of Chaucer and Councillor of Richard Second, down through 500 years (700) to Justice Rufus W. Peckham (of the U. S. Supreme Court) and besides this image is another, that of the dames who have been asked to come up hither, to share an honored name and become mothers of sons and daughters of a mighty race".

"After 25 years of research in England and America we are satisfied that this volume (The Peckham Genealogy) is as nearly complete as time and effort are likely to make it."

"The English antecedents of our American Ancestor, John Peckham, could not have been as sucessfully portrayed as we have been able to present them, had we not had the rare good fortune to make the acquaintance, through correspondence, of our English cousins, Rev. Harry John Peckham, Vicar of Nutley, Sussex, England, and his son, Arthur Nyton Peckham, an Architect of London."

"In ways too numerous to mention, these gentlemen have rendered the most cordial assistance, making the history of the family both accurate and complete, not only from public records, but documents that have come down from several centuries, as heir-looms of their branch of the family."

Mr. Stephen Farnum Peckham quotes a letter from his Uncle, Edward Lewis Peckham, 7th generation in America, a part of which follows

"The Peckhams are a different race and can trace their lineage much farther back -- to Barrons and Archbishop."

"They are more intellectual. They came from Essex County, England, and their persecutions (being Quakers) drove them to Massachusetts, and by advice of Roger Williams, settled on the North end of the Island of Rhode Island."

They and others extended their purchases and settlements as far as Newport. There was a tradition among them that our John Peckham, ancestor of the American Peckhams, came of the family of John Peckham, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1282."

The first Pedigree furnished by the "Peckham Genealogy" is headed by Hugo de Peckham, Constable (Governor) of Tunbridge Castle in 1199. This Pedigree gives seven generations, but is not continuous or complete.

The second Pedigree starts with a John Peckham, 1st. John Peckham, 2nd, Edward Peckham, Lord of the Manor of East Hammet Sussex County, near Chichester, England, 3rd, Henry Peckham,

Lord of the aforesaid Manor, 4th. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Badger. They had the following children:

1st - Henry, in possession of aforesaid manor.
2nd - John, born April 8th, 1595, Chaplain to the Earl of Hertford, and later became the Ancestor of the American Peckhams.
3rd - William
4th - Thomas

Rev. Harry J. Peckham is quotes as follows:

"The Pedigrees 1 and 2 were copied from a very old paper in my possession, which I imagine must have been drawn up by Henry at the Visitation of Arms in 1634, to prove to the Heralds College his right to bear arms."

In going over these and other Pedigrees, we find the following given names frequently repeated, from generation to generation, John, Henry, Thomas, Ann, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, apparently being named after their ancestors and near relatives, a custom that was followed to a certain extent in America.

The Peckhams were Anglo-Saxons, who came from the Southern Baltic regions, and invaded England in the 5th Century (1500 years ago) settling in what is now the Counties of Essex, Kent and Sussex, where the Peckhams were most numerous.

It was from Sussex county that Archbishop John Peckham, already referred to, came from. He was born at Lewes, Sussex County, England, in 1210.

The following quotations taken from his Church Register will be of interest:

"In the dim and unremembered past of which the Monkish Chroniclers tell no tale, and of which no records remain, an Anglo-Saxon reared his dwelling on the Crest of the North Downs in Southwest Kent and called it Peac Ham, for which the English equivalent is Peak House or House on the Peak.

"This remote period was before the Norman Conquest (1066) and before families or persons had surnames, John or James, or Reginald were born to him who dwelt in the Peak House, and were called John or James or Reginald de Peak, and after a time, de Peckham."

"There is no reason to doubt that the family had been permanently seated and prosperous for several centuries before anything is recorded of them."

"The Peckhams had, before the Conquest (1066), been holding their Manors under Earl Leofwine, a brother of King Harold, both of whom were killed at the battle of Hastings, after which William the Conqueror made his half-brother, Earl of Kent, but this change made little difference, and the family continued to prosper."

"Under the Norman Kings, Robert de Peckham was Chaplain to Henry First, and Hugo de Peckham was Constable (Governor) of Tunbridge Castle."

"In the first year of the reign of King John, Robert and Peter de Peckham went on the third Crusade, and came home with King Richard the Lion Hearted from the "Siege of Acre" (1191).

By the middle of the Thirteenth century the Peckhams had become numerous and powerful. Besides occupying the primal manors of East and West Peckham, in the Parish of Wrath-ham in Kent, and the Manor of Peckham in the Parish of Hadlow, nearby, they had extended into Suffolk, where a street in Bury St. Edmonds is called Peckham Street, and also in Sussex, around Chichester and Lewes."

"Archbishop John Peckham, in his youth, went to Paris and studied at the University there under St. Bonaventure, later he returned to Oxford and joined the order of St. Francis, returning again to Paris, he lectured on Theology and Ecclesiastics, and among his publications on these subjects are others on Perspective and Mathematics."

"The fame of his learning spread over the Continent and he was invited to Rome by the Pope, and became the first theological lecturer in the newly founded Papal School in the Papal Palace. His lectures were attended by large audiences, including Bishops and Cardinals "

While thus occupied the then Archbisop of Canterbury resigned and Peckham was appointed by the Pope to fill the vacancy, and he was consecrated and assumed the duties of this exalted position on March 12, 1279.

His numerous activities are recorded in the Dictionary of National Biography

He was of an independent and democratic nature, acting as right and justice dictated, regardless of the influences of wealth and high positions, not even hesitating to criticise the acts of the King. He died December 8, 1292.

Other Peckhams appear prominent in early history.

Sir Edmond Peckham, born in 1495, at an early age entered the Kings services, and was almost continuously occupied with public matters until his death in 1564.

He was knighted May 8, 1542. In 1546 he was made Treasurer of the Mint; in 1547 he was assistant executor of Henry Third's will; in 1549, under Edward Sixths reign, he was directed to restore the old gold standard; in 1551 he coined the pound weight of silver; in 1557 he was executor for Anne of Cleves.

He and his son Henry, took an active part in the suppression of Wyatt's Rebellion.

With Queen Mary's death his political life ceased. Other than that he remained Treasurer of the Mint.

Sir Edmond Peckham's third son, George, succeeded to the Paternal estate of Denham, and was knighted in 1570. In 1572 he was high Sheriff of Buckinghamshire. 1574 to 1582 he was associated with Sir Humphry Gilbert, Sir Richard Granville, and others in the discovery of "sundry riche and unknown lands."

The following is a partial copy of one of the documents relating to these enterprises.

"June 6, 1582.

"Articles of Agreement between Sir Humphrey Gilbert of Compton, Devon, Sir Thomas Gerrard of Brymo, Lancashire, and Sir George Peckham of Denham Bucks.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert, for better encouragement of Sir Thomas Gerrard and Sir Geo. Peckham, and in consideration that they have adventured various sums of money with the said Sir Humphrey towards his now intended voyage of discovery of certain parts of America, doth covenant with Sir Thomas Gerrard and Sir George Peckham, that they shall have full power to discover all lands and isles between Cape Florida and Cape Breton, to occupy, and enjoy the same for their own use forever, to have any two of any four islands discovered, as well as land on the Continent, amounting to 1,500,000 acres."

It will be seen later that these transactions took place over 50 years prior to the coming to America of our Ancestor, John Peckham.

Sir Edward had another son, Henry, who was a member of Parliament from 1552 to 1556, having been elected four times.

In 1556, he and many others were charged with treason to the Crown, and some of them, including Henry, were tried, convicted, and executed.

The "Genealogical Record" mentions still other Peckhams, both with and without titles, who took prominent parts in early history and public affairs.

THE AMERICAN PECKHAMS

We now turn to our American Ancestor, John Peckham, born at Boxgrove, Sussex County, England, April 8, 1595, and trace those of his decendants, who are OUR direct ancestors

He was a minister of the Church of England and Chaplain to the Earl of Hertford (afterwards Duke of Somerset) in 1634.

He became estranged from his people through religious differences, left his church and became a Baptist.

It is supposed, that through his relations with the Earl of Hertford, he became acquainted with Sir Henry Vane, imbibed the latters extreme religious ideas, and came to Boston with him in 1634.

We next hear from John Peckham in Rhode Island in 1638.

In the meantime a Dr. John Clarke and his sister, Mary Clarke, had come over from England.

The Clarkes came from Westhorpe, a small town near Bury-St-Edmonds, Suffolk County, England, and traced their ancestors back to about 1500.

Before emigrating to America, John Clarke was pastor of the Coleman Street Baptist Church in London.

One conjecture is, that John Peckham, after leaving his own people and breaking away from the Church of England and becoming a Baptist, went to London and visited the Coleman Street Church, and there met Mary Clarke.

Whether this be so or not, John Peckham and Mary Clarke met and were married in America, and it is presumed that this event took place some time during the administration of Sir Henry Vane, as Governor of Massachusetts Colony.

John Clarke became the first elder of the Baptist Church at Newport, R. I.

John Peckham settled with others on the Island of AQUIDNECK, or Rhode Island.

On May 20, 1638, his name appears in a list of those who were admitted as inhabitants of Newport. On March 16, 1641, he was admitted a Freeman. In 1648 he was one of the ten male members of the First Baptist Church of Newport in full communion.

His residence was in that part of Newport that finally became Middletown, and a stone marked "J.P." is supposed to mark his grave.

A reference to his will is found in a list of 17 wills presented to the Court in 1700, by the parties interested.

It is interesting to here show how Rhode Island was first colonized, to show the character of the men and women who first settled there, a point that every descendant of that Colony can always be proud of.

This fact cannot be better proven than by the following quotation from Ridpath's History of the World.

"The founding of Rhode Island was the work of the celebrated Roger Williams, a young minister of Salem Village, north of Massachusetts Bay. To him belongs the imperishable honor of being first in America or in Europe to proclaim the full gospel of religious toleration.

He declared to his people that the conscience of man may in no wise be bound by the authority of the Magistrate, that civil government has only to do with civil matters, such as the collection of taxes, the restraint and punishment of crime, and the protection of all men in the enjoyment of equal rights.

For theat noble utterances he was obliged to quit the ministry of the Church at Salem and retire to Plymouth.

Finally in 1634 he wrote a paper in which the declaration was made that the Grants of land, though given by the King of England, were invalid until the Natives were justly recompensed.

This was equivalent to saying that the Colonial Charter, itself was void, and that the people were really living upon the land of the Indians.

Great excitement was occasioned by this publication, and Williams consented that for the sake of public peace the paper should be burned.

But he continued to teach his doctrines, saying that compulsory attendance at religious worship, as well as taxation for the support of the ministry, was contrary to the teachings of the Gospel.

When arraigned for these doctrines, he crowned his offenses by telling the Court that a test of church membership in a voter or a public officer was as rediculous as the selection of a doctor of physic or a pilot of a ship on account of his skill in theology.

"These assertions raised such a storm in Court, that Williams was condemned for heresy, and banished from the Colony.

In the dead of winter he left home and became an exile in the desolate forest. For fourteen weeks he wandered on through the snow, sleeping at night on the ground or in hollow trees, living on parched corn, acorns and roots. He carried with him one precious treasure, a private letter from Governor Winthrop, giving him words of cheer and encouragement.

Nor did the Indians fail to show their gratitude to the man who had so nobly defended their rights. In the Country of the Wampanoags, he was kindly entertained. The Indian Chief, Massasoit invited him to his cabin at Pokanoket, and Canonicus, King of the Naragansetts, received him as a friend and brother.

On the left bank of the Blackstone River, near the head of the Naragansett Bay, a resting place was at last found, the exile pitched his tent, and with the opening of spring, planted a field and built the first house in the village of Seebonk.

Soon the information came that he still was within the territory of Plymouth Colony, and another removal became necessary.

With five companions who had joined him in banishment he embarked in a canoe, passed down the river and crossed to the west side of the Bay. Here he was safe, his enemies could hunt him no longer.

A tract of land was honorably purchased from Canonicus, and in June 1636, the illustrous founder of Rhode Island, laid out the City of Providence."

"The leader of the new Colony was a native of Wales, born in 1606, liberally educated at Cambridge, the pupil of Sir Edward Coke, the friend of Milton, a dissenter, a hater of ceremonies, a disciple of truth in its purest forms, an uncompromising advocate of freedom, exiled by Massachusetts, he brought to the banks of the Naragansetts the great doctrine of perfect religious liberty and equal rights to all men.

If the area of Rhode Island had corresponded with the grandure of the principals on which she was founded, who could have foretold her destiny.

It was among men and women of this character that our American Ancestors mingled and sought a home.

It is well to note here, that while other New England Colonies were at warfare with the Indians for years, the Rhode Islanders always lived in peace and harmony with them.

Like Roger Williams, John Peckham was driven from Massachusetts Colony, and by the former's advice, settled on the North end of the island of Rhode Island.

He and his children and grand-children acquired extensive holdings, which at one time extended from New Bedford, Mass., to Stonington, Conn.

John Peckham married twice, as already mentioned; his first wife was Mary Clarke, by whom he had the following children:-

1 - Mary,	Married	Tobias Saunders.
2 - John,	"	Sarah Newport.
3 - William	"	1st, - Clarke, 2nd Phoebe Weeden
4 - Thomas	"	1st not known, 2nd Hannah Weeden Clarke
5 - James		Died unmarried

John Peckham's second wife was Elinor whose surname was supposed to have been Peckham, a distant cousin of his.

The children by this marriage were:-

6 - Rebecca	Married	John Spooner
7 - Stephen	"	Mary - -
8 - Clement	"	Lydia - -
9 - Deborah	"	Robert Taylor
10 - Phoebe	"	Thomas Gray
11 - Elizabeth	"	Peter Taylor
12 - Sarah	"	William Weeden

These twelve are the ancestors, and the second generation of the American Peckhams and their allied relatives.

Thomas Peckham (2nd generation in America) the fourth child of John Peckham, is our direct ancestor. The date of his birth is not given. He lived in Newport, R. I., and was a weaver.

the name of his first wife is not known. His second wife was Hannah (Weeden) Clarke, daughter of William Weeden, and widow of William Clarke.

After the death of Thomas Peckham in 1709, she married as her third husband, Joseph Clarke, of Westerly, R. I., brother of her first husband.

Thomas Peckham was one of the original Proprietors of East Greenwith, R. I., in 1677, and was a Deputy from Newport to the General Assembly, which met May 4, 1708.

Very little is known of the events of Thomas Peckham.

The Town Records of Newport, where he lived, were placed on a vessel for safe keeping during the Revolutionary War, and the vessel was sunk in "Hell Gate", Long Island Sound. Later the Records were recovered, but so badly mutilated, that many of them were undecipherable.

He had but one child by his first wife, a son named Philip. By his second wife, Hannah (Weeden) Clarke,he had the following children:

2 - Daniel, born 1692, married Mary Ross.
3 - Thomas
4 - Uriah
5 - Hannah
6 - Sarah
7 - James

"Philip and Daniel removed to Westerly, R. I., and had many descendants, whose history is supported by both public and private records."

Daniel, 3rd generation in America, is our direct ancestor. He was born in 1692, date of death is not known; he married Mary Ross, Feb. 11, 1720; she was born May 21, 1700 and died Feb 19, 1768.

He was admitted freeman of Newport, R. I., May 5, 1713, and of Westerly, R. I., in Oct. 1733. He settled in the latter place, where his descendants are numerous. They had the following children:

1 - Hannah
2 - Mary
3 - Daniel
4 - Sarah
5 - Abel Born Feb. 17, 1733, died in 1825
6 - James
7 - Ann
8 - George

Abel, 4th generation in America, is our direct ancestor. He married Rebecca Burdick, "Abel of Charlestown, R. I.,and Rebecca Burdick, by Joseph Crandall, Justice, Feb. 24, 1754.

She died Oct. 20, 1779. They had the following children

1- Braddock
2 - Peleg
3 - Rebecca
4 - Joshua
5 - James, Born in 1776
6 - Susanna
7 - Abel
8 - Amy
9 - Lodowick
10 - Lydia

James, 5th generation in America, is our direct ancestor, born in 1776, died Dec. 5, 1846, and buried at Niantic, R. I., on the farm of the heirs of Daniel J. Peckham.

He (James, 5th generation) married Charlotte Hyde, correct date not given; she died Feb. 5, 1849, and was buried in Niantic, R. I., They Had the following children:

1 - Robert Burdick, Born in 1809, died in 1887.
2 - Daniel J.
3 - William Henry
4 - Stillman
5 - Charles D.
6 - Mary
7 - Nancy
8 - Amy
9 - Elizabeth Hyde

Robert Burdick, 6th generation in America is our direct ancestor.

Charles D. (6th generation) son of James married Oct. 17, 1841,

Mary Ann Saunders. Their children were:

1 - George
2 - Emma
3 - Hannah
4 - Stephen C.
5 - William J.
6 - Orrin

Seventh Generation:

Stephen C., son of Charles D. Born August 22, 1847 married Grace Louise Eldridge on June 6, 1878.

Eighth generation:

Clarence E. February 4, 1880
Annie L. November 22, 1882
Mary E. June 6, 1884

9th Generation:

Dorothy born to Clarence E. and Anne Kimball Peckham on Feb. 13, 1907.

End of the line

Annie L. Married Howard Wilcox on and had Marion June 25, 1906, Martha and Ruth, born

Mary E. Married Fay E. Pierce (No children)

7th generation:

Emma Frances, married George Alphonso Bentley. Their children were:

1 - William Perry, born February 22, 1880
2 - Fred Harold, born Sept 11, 1882
3 - Sarah (died in infancy) buried in Peckham Burial Ground, Bradford, R. I
4 - John Earle, born Oct. 28, 1890

8th Generation:

William Perry Bentley married Margaret Bonner, Dallas, Texas June 12, 1912. Their children were:

1 - Frances Elizabeth (Betsy)
2 - Russell Bonner

Fred Harold Bentley married Bessie Smith, Plainville, Conn. Their children were:

1 - Newton
2 - George Perry
3 - Allen

John Earle Bentley, married Katie Lee Ewing, May 9, 1914 at Denison, Texas. Their children were:

1 - George Ewing, born February 27, 1915
2 - Margaret Emma, born April 8, 1917
3 - John Earle, Jr. Born November 1, 1925

7th Generation:

William J. married Alma Smith. Their children were:

1 - Stephen
2 - William
3 - Theodore

Up to this point, the family record has been taken from the"Peckham Genealogy", the balance of it has been secured by Byron A. Peckham, through the relatives now living in California.

Robert Burdick Peckham married twice. His first wife was Martha Adams, a cousin of John Quincy Adams, Ex-President of the U. S. She died July 23, 1848, age 48 years, and was buried on the farm of Samuel Peckham, of Niantic, R. I.

His second wife was Mary Ann Saunders (Think this is an error unless there were two Mary Ann Saunders. Mary Ann Saunders was wife of Charles D. Peckham of 6th generation, my grandmother whom I knew well. W. P. Bentley)

The following were the children by his first wife:

1 - Robert Francis
2 - James Dennis
3 - Polly
4 - Abel Clark
5 - William Sprague
6 - Lois A.
8 - Martha Jane
9 - Henry, who died in youth.

The following were the children by the second wife:

10 - John, married Phoeba Crandall
11 - George Stillman, married Hannah Kenyon
12 - Amanda, married, first George Collins and second J. E. Wilbur
13 - Charles Dennison, married Ida Harris
14 - Joseph W., died at Laurel Glen, R. I. 1902.

We will now take up Robert Burdick Peckham's children by his first wife, Martha Adams, and follow them and their descendents to the present time.

FIRST: Robert Francis Peckham (7th generation) was born at Charlestown, R. I., January 30, 1827, the oldest of 9 children. He received his education in the district school, whose session was for three months each year. He attended from the age of 4

to that of 16 years.

He had a natural taste for books and ability to digest their contents, so that when 15 years old, he took the examination, and was granted a certificate to teach any school in the County.

He must have followed this vocation for not over three years, as we find him leaving Stonington, Conn., on May 30, 1845, for a whaling cruise of 2 or 3 years duration, on the Ship Cabinet. He had mastered the mathematical features of navigation, and thought that a voyage or two would fit him for a commanding position.

His voyage took him to the Azores, around Cape of Good Hope, through the Indian Ocean and Northern Pacific, Stopping en route at Van Diemens Land, and various islands of the Pacific Ocean. But whales were scarce and bad luck attended the venture, so when the ship entered San Francisco Bay he thought he had had enough of whaling, and landed at Yerba Buena, now San Francisco, August 30, 1846, about one month after Commodore Sloat had raised the American flag at Monterey.

Between that date and the discovery of gold he had mastered the Spanish language and gained the confidence of the native Californians which he always retained, and which stood both him and them in good stead at a later time when the mad scramble for land was taking place.

After landing, the principal problem was what to do to subsist. There being no business or work to be done except the raising of cattle. He accepted an invitation from Mormon Colonists, and went with them to the San Joaquin Valley, and there assisted in building the first house erected in that part of the North bank of the Stanislaus River.

Tiring of that, he returned to San Jose, and followed various occupations until gold was discovered.

This failed to excite him and he held his ground until returning miners brought large quantities of it. He then started for the mines, but never had great luck, so eventually returned to San Jose and entered the merchandise business.

But taste for law asserted itself, and after intensive study, he was admitted to the bar, and practiced in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Jose.

He became one of the leaders of the early California Bar, a recognized authority on Spanish and Mexican land grants, and handled or was interested in much of the litigation therewith.

Probably the largest and most important was the winning of the Sequel Ranch, a grant of very great extent, consisting of farming, grazing and timber lands of many millions of dollars value, and where sawmills are still cutting timber, over 65 years after the title was settled.

In 1860 he returned to Rhode Island to visit his family of father, brothers and sisters, and induced all of them except the father to come to California. They all settled in the Pajaro Valley, and engaged in various occupations.

The younger generations are pretty well scattered throughout the State, and engaged in both business and professional matters.

In 1869 R. F. Peckham retired from the practice of law and organized and operated the San Jose Woolen Mill successfully for 27 years, until his death at San Jose, Calif. August 5, 1896.

He married in San Francisco, Ann Elizabeth Smith. She came from an old colonial family of New York, and was born at Kingston, N. Y., November 11, 1829, and died January 24, 1889. Their children were:

1 - William Henry, born November 17, 1849, died Nov. 1918; married Elizabeth Higgins, and had the following children:
  a - William Henry
  b - Edna (Deceased)
  c - Benjamin, married Donna Buttner, and has two sons, Jas. B. and Donald B.
  d - Ethel
  e - Louise
  f - Two who died in infancy

2 - James Albert, born March 11, 1853, married Catherine A. Higgins, and has the following children:
  a - Eunice E., Gertrude C., Robert Francis, Albert J., Arthur B., Ignatius M., Mary J.; Albert J., died in infancy.
  Arthur B. married Ella Graber and have one child Joyce.

3 - Martha Jane, born Oct. 17, 1851, married F. Pray, had one child died in infancy. Martha Jane died in Nov. 188

4 - Mary Augusta, born Oct. 20, 1855, married Germain F. Pillet, have one child Frederick.

5 - Sarah Francis, born June 24, 1857, married K. Bronson.

6 - Lois Angeline, born Sept. 30, 1859.

7 - Lucy Josephine, born Oct. 4, 1861 married C. H. Morgans

8 - Charles Francis, born Jan. 25, 1863, died Sept. 25, 186

9 - Benjamin Lincoln, Born Oct. 27, 1865, married Catherine Hayes, had one child, Ethel Lucille.

10 - Leah Caroline, Born Oct. 3, 1868, died February 12, 1907.

11 - Charles Warren, Born Oct. 20, 1870, died Feb. 12, 1872.

SECOND: James Dennis, (7th generation) son of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown R. I. Nov. 20, 1828, came to California in 1860, was a member of Company A, 8th California Infantry during the Civil War. He died in Watsonville, Calif. June 30, 1878. His wife died before he came to California. Her first name was Betsy, family name not known.

THIRD: Peleg Alvis (7th generation) son of Robert Burdick Peckham was born at Charlestown, R. I., Feb. 27, 1831, came to California in 1860, and settled in Watsonville, Santa Cruz County. He married Caroline Perry Reynolds, born Sept. 25, 1827. He died July 2, 1902. She died June 2, 1906. Their children were:

1 - George Washington, born July 2, 1851, died June 10, 1914, married first, Sarah Barnes, born April 15, 1855, died Jan. 16, 1907. Married second ----. His children by his first wife were:
   a - George Walter, born Jan. 26, 1873, died Jan. 1909
   b - Cora Ella, born Oct. 28, 1875, married Stephen Henry Petitt, born June 25, 1873, died Jan. 28, 1913; they had two children:
      aa - Ethel, born Oct. 24, 1899.
      bb - Dorothy, born Dec. 29, 1906.
2 - Henry Franklin, born Aug. 12, 1853, died Oct. 1, 1911, married Laura Josephine Taylor, born Oct. 4, 1854; they had the following children:
   a - Eugene Franklin, born May 20, 1877, married May Lise Carrere, born Dec. 26, 1880. They had the following children:
      aa - Eugene Carrere, born Nov. 23, 1902.
      bb - Laura Lise, born Jan. 15, 1879.
   b - Eleanor Josephine, born Jan 31, 1879, married Geo. Ault; had one child:
      aa - Elmer Ault
   c - Anna Maud, born May 11, 1880.

d - May Caroline, born Aug. 5, 1886.

3 - Thomas Alvin, born May 15, 1863.

4 - Charles Eugene, born March 17, 1865.

5 - Stella Walker, born Aug. 15, 1877.

6 - One daughter, died in youth.

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FOURTH: Abel Clark (7th generation) son of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown, R. I., June 15, 1833, came to California in 1860, married Mary Ann Drake at Charlestown, R. I., Dec. 7, 1852. He died at Watsonville, Calif. Dec. 26, 1903. She was born in Florida, Sept. 12, 1833, and died at Watsonville, Calif. Nov. 18, 1913. There was a tradition that she was a descendant of the family of Sir. Francis Drake, the early explorer. They had 6 children, as follows:

1 - Byron Augustus, born at Charlestown, R. I., Jan. 8, 1854, married Minnie B. Morse, Dec. 24, 1879. She was born at Edgartown, Mass., Sept. 30, 1854, and died at San Mateo, Calif. Oct. 11, 1906.

2 - Henry Clark, born at Charlestown, R. I., Jan. 16, 1857, married Sue Hopkins Feb 8, 1877. She was born at San Bernadino, Calif. March 25, 1857. They have 3 children, as follows:

a - Harry Augustus, born at Watsonville, Oct. 15, 1877, married Azel H. Avis Sept. 3, 1902, and have one son,

aa - Avis Winslow, born Jan. 19, 1906.

b - Elizabeth Ann, born at Watsonville, Calif. Nov. 4, 1879, married Manson F. McCormick July 11, 1907. He was born at Yolo, Calif., May 19, 1874. They have five children as follows:

aa - Sloan Peckham born Jan. 4, 1909.

bb - Manson Fielding Jr., born May 8, 1910.

cc - Henry Clark, born Jan. 2, 1913.

dd - Evan Doel, born Feb. 10, 1915.

ee - Sue Elizabeth, born May 25, 1916.

c - Doyle Starr, born July 4, 1899.

3 - Florence Adelaide, born at Watsonville, Calif., Oct. 27, 1862; married C. W. Taber. He died Aug. 10, 1899

4 - Emma Louise, born Jan. 26, 1865, at Watsonville, Calif. married William Gordon, Sept. 14, 1886. He died Jan. 7, 1913. They had six children as follows:
a - Joseph Byron, born July 12, 1887, married Wilma C. Seavers July 18, 1914, and have 3 children as follows:
aa - Margaret Wilma, born Dec. 12, 1915.
bb - Jean Seavers, born June 12, 1917.
cc - Lois Josephine, born Jan. 24, 1920.
b - Minnie, born Feb. 24, 1889, married Harris Elliot Rowe, Feb. 28, 1917; have one child:
aa - Janet Louis, born April 4, 1919.
c - Margaret, born Jan 25, 1891, married Paul S. Morehead June 30, 1917; have two children as follows:
aa - Robert Lee, born April 22, 1918.
bb - Paula, born Nov. 14, 1920.
d - Henry Clark, born May 24, 1893.
e - William Alexander, born Jan. 22, 1895.
f - Esther Marian, born Feb. 2, 1897.
5 - Walter Everett, born Sept. 11, 1867, married Jennie Linda Matthews Dec. 4, 1902, born June 12, 1877; They have two children as follows:
a - Sheldon Clarence, adopted son, born Dec. 21, 1897, married Helen Louise Revelier, Jan. 22, 1921; she was born March 21, 1897; they have one child:
aa - Patricia Ann, born March 28, 1922.
b - Helen Mary, born Nov. 2, 1905.
6 - John Bryant, born Nov. 5, 1871, married Ella Freeman July 4, 1899; she was born Feb. 20, 1879.

FIFTH: William Sprague (7th generation) son of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown, R. I., Feb. 16, 1835, came to California in 1860, married Abbie A. Potter at Westerly, R. I., Oct. 23, 1853. He died in California Dec. 13, 1907; she died in California Oct. 1, 1906. They had the following children:

1 - Anna M. born in Connecticut Sept. 23, 1854, died in 1856.

2 - Frederick W. born in Rhode Island, Aug. 7, 1857, died at Fresno, Calif., 1905

3 - Anice Elveda, born in Rhode Island Nov. 21, 1859, married John W. Mann at Watsonville, Calif., Feb. 11, 1877, and have the following children:

a - Elsie M., born March 28, 1884, married David Berwick, and have 3 children as follows:
aa - Glen
bb - Ernest
cc - Daveda

b - Clarence W., born Nov. 15, 1886, married Gladis Sewash, and have two children:
aa - Ellen
bb - Francis

c - Elveda J., born March 8, 1889, married Walter Berg, and have two children:
aa - Raymond
bb - Robert

d - Christopher E., born Sept. 23, 1891, married Anna L. Curtice, and have two children:
aa - Mary V.
bb - Christopher, Jr.

e - Willard E., born Jan. 28, 1894, married Georgia Dean, and have three children:
aa - Anice
bb - Edith
cc - Lester.

4 - John E., born in California March 17, 1862; died July 1865.

5 - Edwin S., born in California, April 18, 1865, married Addie Dickerson, and have seven children:
a - Edwin
b - Dorothy
c - Ina
d - William
e - David
f - Mildred
g - Eletha

FIFTH: 6 - Robert Emery, born in Calif., July 20, 1867; married Jane Blackleck, and have 7 children:
a - Albert
b - Edna
c - Mabel
d - Robert
e - Willard
f - John
g - Elizabeth

7 - Clara A., born Nov. 15, 1869.

8 - Cornelia E., born Jan. 21, 1873, married Horace Thorwaldson, June 10, 1896, and have two children:
a - Wilma
b - Ellis.

9 - Alice L., born Jan. 21, 1878, married John McIntyre, Sept. 20, 1897. She died Feb. 27, 1908; had four children:
a - Willis
b - Leroy
c - Verne
d - Cecil

10 - Bertram W., born Nov. 21, 1882, married Jennie Thayer Oct. 1906; have five children:
a - Frederick
b - Henry
c - Clarence
d - Grace
e - Freda

SIXTH: Sarah E. (7th generation) daughter of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown, R. I., April 4, 1838, married Orrin P. Wilcox, who was born Jan. 12, 1833. They came to California in 1861. He died several years ago. They had 7 children as follows:

1 - Horace E., born Jan. 27, 1855.

2 - Lucy E., born June 16, 1870, deceased.

3 - Jessie V., born Aug. 11, 1859, married A. H. Howard, and have 3 children:
a - Ethel J., married C. D. Stewart, have one child.
aa - Dale E., born Dec. 29, 1901.
b - Mabel A., married Cecil Gilbert.
c - Orrin Edgar.

4 - Frank C., born April 21, 1861, married Mary E. White, and have 4 children:
a - Edna E., born Feb. 11, 1893, married F. J. Moore, have 3 children:
aa - Ellen Wilcox
bb - Mabel B.
cc - Ethel C.
b - Percie O., born May 26, 1897, married A. F. Rose, have one child:
aa - Loraine
c - Mabel B., born Sept. 27, 1898, married Wm. Gaicomassi, have one child:
aa - William F.
d - Ethel V., born Sept. 27, 1898, twin of Mabel B.

5 - Percy G., born Oct. 8, 1866.

6 - Jennie O., born March 11, 1873.

7 - Hattie B., born Dec. 27, 1874, married George Tuttle.

SEVENTH: Lois Ann, (7th generation) daughter of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown, R. I.,Feb. 22, 1843, married Edwin H. Wilcox, and came to California in 1868. He died Jan. 3, 1881. She married second time Adolph Erzgraber. She died Oct. 20, 1922. She had 7 children by first husband, as follows:

1 - Henrietta, born Sept. 21, 1859, married first Geo. Foster, and had 6 children as follows:
a - George
b - Renaldo
c - Helen
d - Frank
e - Lizzie
f - Mabel
Henrietta married second time, Clayton De Hart.

2 - Herbert Eugene, born Jan 17, 1862, died Nov. 30, 1877.

3 - Sarah Edith, born Nov 27, 1863, married Geo. Connors, first, and had 4 children:
a - Herbert
b - Florence
c - Minnie
d - Frank
Sarah Edith married second, August Schneider, had 3 children, as follows:
e - Ruby
f - Sadie
g - Harold
Sarah Edith died Dec. 9, 1910.

4 - Hattie Jane, born Oct. 17, 1866, married Geo. Schmidt, had one child:
a - Virginia.

5 - William Edward, born March 4, 1871, married Ida Sadler, had three children.

6 - Elizabeth Gertrude, born Aug. 15, 1875, married Louis Jandn. She died Feb. 19, 1911.

7 - Lois Angeline, born Jan 3, 1878, married Harry Grey and had eleven children as follows:
a - Lillian
b - Lois, married Geo. E. Holloway, have one child:
aa - Dorothy Evelin

c - Bessie
d - Ruth
e - Lloyd
f - 6 others who have died.

EIGHTH: Martha Jane (7th generation) daughter of Robert Burdick Peckham, was born at Charlestown, R. I., Aug. 24, 1845, came to California in 1860, married Louis Martinelli at Watsonville, Calif. He was born Aug. 23, 1826, and died Jan. 12, 1912. She died May 17, 1914. They had the following children:

a - Martin Eugene, born June 8, 1863, married Florence Burland.
b - Edgar Louis, born April 26, 1866, died July 29, 1875.
c - Clarence Elfin, born Dec. 27, 1872, married Margaret Bowles, born Dec. 30, 1868, and have seven children, as follows:
  aa - Ellsworth Lowell, born Dec. 28, 1900.
  bb - Marian Elizabeth, born June 30, 1902.
  cc - Donald Elfin, born Oct. 18, 1903.
  dd - George Edgar, born Nov. 4, 1905
  ee - Louis Caleb, born July 12, 1907.
  ff - Walter Bethed, born Feb. 3, 1910.
  gg - Serena Ellen, born Jan. 10, 1913.
e - Stella Augusta, born March 2, 1876, married Emil Malgren.

Below is given a condensed pedigree of OUR branch of the American Peckhams:

1st generation: John Peckham, born in England, April 8, 1595

2nd generation: Thomas Peckham, date of birth not given.

3rd generation: Daniel Peckham, born in 1692.

4th generation: Abel Peckham, born in 1733.

5th generation: James Peckham, born in 1776.

6th generation: Robert Burdick Peckham, born 1809.

7th generation:	Robert Francis,	born	in	1827
	James Dennis	"	"	1828
	Peleg Alvie	"	"	1831
	Abel Clark	"	"	1833
	William S.	"	"	1835
	Sarah E.	"	"	1838
	Lois Ann	"	"	1843
	Martha Jane	"	"	1845

Generations following the above are:

8th generation: indicated by a figure opposite.

9th generation: " " " small letter opposite.

10th generation: " " two small letters opposite.

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